

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 5: General Case Management Section 24: Child-Focused Treatment Review (CFTR)	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

For urgent placement in residential treatment or out-of-state residential treatment, see policies 8.04 and 8.53.

The Child-Focused Treatment Review (CFTR) process is used to review requests for residential treatment. Residential treatment should only be used when a child shows the need for that level of care. It should be seen as a short-term and time-limited service whenever possible.

POLICY STATEMENT

The CFTR will:

1. Evaluate the child's needs;
2. Decide if residential treatment is appropriate; and
3. Identify a facility that best meets the child and family's needs, if treatment is approved.

The CFTR will include:

1. The child's Family Case Manager (FCM) and FCM Supervisor;
2. The child, if appropriate;

Note: When deciding if the child should attend the CFTR, consider their age, maturity, development, and behavioral needs. The Child and Family Team (CFT) should talk with the child about the CFTR, if appropriate, to see if the child understands and is willing or able to participate. If it is not appropriate for the child to attend, make sure to share the child's voice during the CFTR.

3. The child's family, if Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) has not occurred;
4. The resource parent, if applicable;
5. A Field leadership member or Designee;
6. A Clinical Services Specialist (CSS) or Probation Services Consultant (PSC) for dual status youth, if asked for by leadership;
7. A Regional Foster Care Specialist (RFCS) or Kinship Navigator (KN);
8. The child's Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) and/or Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA);
9. Service providers working with the child or family; and
10. Other DCS support staff involved in the case (e.g., Educational Liaison [EL], Adoption Consultant, and Regional Services Consultant).

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 31-25-2-23: Permanency roundtable duties; residential placement committee](#)
- [42 USC 672: Foster care maintenance payments program](#)